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Boston, Dec. 15, 1851.

My dear Mrs.

I have just received yours and answer it though I have but a moment in which to do so.

We write cheerfully for our columns for your articles provided two things shall be guaranteed first that the articles shall not be excessively long. This point, as you are aware, would fill up our columns too much for our other and pressing matters and would also interfere with the reading of your defence. 2. Personal matters which I suppose to be unavoidable in this case, must be treated in a spirit of brotherly kindness. - Personal recriminations must be omitted.

We all feel much concerned for our oppressed Ohio brethren and publish something, almost every paper, in their behalf. I will be excused however for saying that I do not think you need any such defence as you propose and that

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I fear it will only deepen the bad
feelings of your opponents. Let
me then recommend that before
you decide to write your review
the necessity and probable influence
of the dissension which must ensue.
Nevertheless as you are the best
judge of the matter we shall do
as you judge best on the above
conditions

Ever been your dear brother
or kindly. With love to pray
for you

Wm. W. Crocker
A. Stevens